



February 3, 2023

National FOIA Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
Washington, DC 20460

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 U.S.C. § 552), Taylor Research Group LLC ("TRG") is requesting copies of any and all records in the possession, custody, or control of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Headquarters pertaining to a 1976 epidemiological analysis that detailed the occupational exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCB") of employees at Mobil Oil's Paulsboro, New Jersey plant. This analysis was titled "Report on Paulsboro, N.J. Mobil Oil Plant Study" and was written by Anita K. Bahn, M.D., Sc.D., Department of Community Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and published in April 1976.

Specifically, TRG is interested in the following:

- Documentation (e.g., reports, comments, correspondence) created in relation to the 1976 analysis that may have been reviewed by EPA representatives;
- Documentation (e.g. reports and correspondence) between EPA and representatives of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) related to the 1976 analysis such as additional/follow-up documentation (we know of an August 20, 1976 letter sent to EPA by NIOSH Director Dr. John F. Finklea and a November 2, 1976 affidavit of Roscoe M. Moore, Jr., NIOSH epidemiologist, given before the EPA);
- Documentation (e.g. reports and correspondence) between EPA and Dr. Bahn and/or her colleagues related to the 1976 analysis;
- Documentation (e.g. reports and correspondence) between EPA and representatives of Mobil Oil, including its Medical Director and Management, related to the PCBs exposure at its Paulsboro, NJ plant (or other plants);
- Any and all documentation, including additional studies/analyses or information related to the occupational exposure to PCBs at the Paulsboro, NJ plant in subsequent years (post-1976).



To the extent that any relevant documents have exemptions, I request that you sanitize the documents for our review. If there are exempt documents that you will not release and/or sanitize, I request that you identify any and all such documents by listing date, author, recipient(s), page numbers, and subject matter. If any documents contain exemptions, please specify the exemptions claimed for each page or passage. In addition, please advise me of any destruction of records and include the date of and authority for such destruction.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412.626.0603 or e-mail me at rachelreilly@taylorresearchgroup.com.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. K. Reilly', is positioned above the typed name.

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